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lecture of the Adolfo Stahl Lectures on the evening of April 6, 1917, and expressing appreciation of the excellent service given during the course.

Director COSTA was appointed a committee of one to write a letter to MR. ADOLFO STAHL, reporting the results of the lecture course financed by him, and again expressing the thanks of the Society for his generous aid to the cause of Astronomy.

Adjourned. D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON MAY 29, 1917, AT 7:30 P. M.

There were present President CORNISH and Directors CUSHING, COSTA LEUSCHNER and RICHARDSON.

The special purpose of this meeting was to consider and take action upon the proposition of the SUTRO Branch of the California State Library, to take over as a deposit, the library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and hold it subject to the conditions as set forth in the following memorandum, to wit:—

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT by and between the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and the CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY, represented by the State Librarian, to wit:

Item 1. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific agrees to deposit its special library in the Sutro Branch of the California State Library, in San Francisco, subject to the conditions hereunder set forth.

Item 2. The title of ownership shall remain in the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Item 3. The California State Library shall be responsible for safety and care of all books so deposited in so far as the ordinary administration of the affairs of the California State Library are concerned, but shall not be liable for any fire hazard or riot, insurrection, earthquake, war or other public calamity whereby the books, or any of them, shall be lost or destroyed.

Item 4. All books so deposited shall be known and kept a separate entity, designated as "Astronomical Society of the Pacific," but it shall be understood that a separate author card catalog labeled "Catlog of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's Library" shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of Item 4.

Item 5. All books, etc., deposited under this memorandum of agreement shall, at the time of deposit, contain the book-plate of the Society or a presentation inscription to the Society, or a stamp or other mark or endorsement whereby the identity of the books and other matters may be established.

Item 6. The California State Library will cause all deposits to be entered in the author card catalog provided for in Item 4, immediately upon receipt of same and before the books, etc., so deposited shall be shelved and available for use; this in addition to any further cataloging which is consistent with the plan adopted by the California State Library for other books in the Sutro Branch.

Item 7. All books, etc., deposited shall be kept permanently in the City and County of San Francisco, except as hereunder provided.

Item 8. The rules for the care and use of all books, etc., deposited shall be the same as for other books of similar nature that are a part of the Sutro Branch of the California State Library.

Item 9. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific agrees that the deposit of its Library and all accessions thereto is its free act and purpose, it being deemed a public benefit that the special library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific be made available thru the instrumentality of the California State Library for research work.

Item 10. This agreement may be cancelled at any time by either party hereto by sixty days written notice to the other and, at the expiration of said time, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific shall resume possession of all its said library.

After full discussion and consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the offer of the Sutro Branch of the California State Library, the following resolution was presented by Director CUSHING, seconded by Director COSTA, and was carried by vote of all present:

"*Resolved:* That the offer of the California State Library, thru its Sutro Branch, of April 16, 1917, to take over, as a deposit, the library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, under terms and conditions as set forth in memorandum herewith accompanying, are hereby accepted and the President and Secretary of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific are authorized and directed to enter into a written agreement with the said California State Library to that effect, and to proceed at once to take all necessary steps for putting the plan into operation."

In view of the contemplated removal of the library of the Society from its present quarters in the Phelan Building, to the Sutro Branch, the matter of securing a smaller and cheaper room for the use of the Society came up for consideration.

It was the view of all present that the maintenance of an official and permanent headquarters was desirable and necessary, and most of the Directors present were of the opinion that a suitable room could be secured at a price not to exceed $10.00 per month.

On motion of Director LEUSCHNER, and duly seconded, the President appointed a committee consisting of Directors CUSHING, COSTA, and RICHARDSON, with authority to act, to select a room located as near as possible to the business district of the city, and at a price not to exceed $10 per month.

The matter of binding the loose publications and miscellaneous papers of the Society next came up for action, and gave rise to considerable discussion.

The following resolution was finally offered by Director LEUSCHNER and was adopted by unanimous vote:

"*Resolved:* That the sum of $200.00 is hereby appropriated from any available funds of the Alexander Montgomery Library Fund for binding the loose papers of the Society—the amount of binding to be done to be left to the Library Committee with power to act, subject, however, to the condition that only complete single volumes be bound and that the sum appropriated shall cover such clerical assistance as may be necessary, together with the price of missing volumes and parts."

On motion of Director RICHARDSON, the Finance Committee was authorized to expend the sum of $1000.00 in the purchase of one Liberty Bond of the United States Government, the purchase price to be taken from the Donohoe Comet Medal Fund.

Mr. George A. Pope of San Francisco was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Society.

Director LEUSCHNER reported that arrangements had been made by him with the Dean of the Summer Sessions of the University of California whereby the regular June meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific might be held in Berkeley in conjunction with the Summer Sessions, and that Professor Frederick H. Seares, of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory, would be the speaker on that occasion. The date to be fixed later.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*